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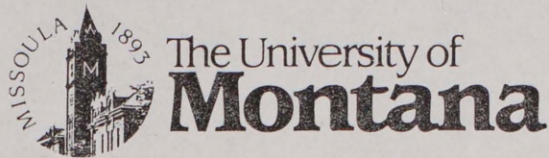
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CHIEF NPR EDITOR HEADLINES UM DEAN STONE LECTURE

MISSOULA —

Former Baltimore Sun editor William K. Marimow, who was named managing editor of National Public Radio in late March, will be the School of Journalism's Dean Stone speaker on April 22 at The University of Montana.

Marimow's lecture is titled "Lying to the Press and the People -- A Debit for Democracy." He said he will address the damage lying causes to the careers of public officials and to the public, which is deprived of the information its citizens need to make informed decisions about public affairs. The lecture will be at 7:30 p.m. in the University Center Theater, on the third floor of the University Center.

The lecture is named in honor of A.L. Stone, who founded UM's School of Journalism in 1914, making it one of the oldest schools of journalism in America. The first Dean Stone lecture was delivered in 1957.

Marimow, who has been a journalist for 30 years, twice won a Pulitzer Prize for his reporting at the Philadelphia Inquirer, and was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard during 1982-83. He joined the Sun in 1993 and was named editor in 2000.

During his tenure the Sun won three Pulitzer Prizes and was a finalist for eight others. While he was managing editor, the Columbia Journalism Review selected the Sun as one of the nation's 10 best newspapers. Marimow was fired by the Sun publisher in January, who

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announced that, after just more than a year of working with him, she and Marimow were not a good "fit."

In announcing the appointment last week, NPR said Marimow will oversee its national coverage as managing editor for NPR News, a newly created position. He will direct NPR's national news staff, its 24-hour newscasts, its training and will work with NPR Online.

The Dean Stone Lecture is part of a series of events scheduled by the journalism school for April 22-23, which include a groundbreaking ceremony for the school's new Don Anderson Hall at 1:30 p.m. April 22.

On April 23 the school will award \$80,000 in scholarships at its annual Dean Stone banquet, which begins at 5 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Parkside. Reservations are required for the banquet and can be made by calling the school at (406) 243-4001. All other events are open to the public at no charge.

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